

Navy Board Eastern department.
Boston Sept 5th 1777

Sir

As the Hon^{ble} Marine Committee have signified to us their Intention, that no Continental Ship or Armed Vessel, within our department - should remain long Inactive, and required us to cause them immediatly to proceed to Sea, or as soon as they can be equiped?

You are hereby required to give Orders for preparing your Ship for the Sea without delay, by causing any repairs necessary for that purpose to be made, clearing & Manning her with all expedition, applying to us from Time to Time for such special & particular directions as you may have occasion for.

We are Your Obedt^{serv}ts

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Dear

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